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In re Application of:)	
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Austin SMITH et al.)	
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Continuation Application of)	Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned
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For: LINEAGE SPECIFIC CELLS)	
AND PROGENITOR CELLS)	

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination and calculation of the fee due in the above captioned application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 21 without prejudice.

3. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1 [or 2] wherein the multipotential cell is selected from embryonic stem (ES) cells, embryonic germ (EG) cells, embryonic carcinoma (EC) cells, a primary culture of foetal cells, a primary culture of post-natal cells, and a primary culture of adult cells.

4. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1[, 2 or 3] comprising genetically modifying multipotential cells to delete, mutate, substitute or add genes in order (i) to